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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 1999, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

Remarks

The present invention concerns a method for cleaving a target RNA molecule with a catalytic RNA molecule containing at least one modified nucleoside with specified modifications.

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The Examiner again rejected pending claims 44-57 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to
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